



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy (DoN), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Partially Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, hereafter "Board," will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public, September 27, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Closed to the public, September 27, 2021, from 11 a.m. to noon (12 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Pending prevailing healthy directives, the meeting will be handicap accessible. Escort is required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Major Raphael Thalakottur, USMC, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, 410-293-1503, [thalakot@usna.edu](mailto:thalakot@usna.edu), or visit <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/Supintendent/bov.php>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in

the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. section 552b, as amended), the General Services Administration's (GSA) Federal Advisory Committee Management Final Rule (41 C.F.R. Part 102-3). Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer for the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors, the United States Naval Academy was unable to provide public notification require by 41 C.F.R section 102-3.150(a) concerning its September 27,2021 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 C.F.R section 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

*Purpose of Meeting:* The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry, as the Board deems necessary, into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy.

*Agenda:*

Proposed meeting agenda for September 27, 2021.

0830-0900 Members Assemble

0900            Call to Order                      (Open to Public)

0900-1055 Business Session (Open to Public)

1055-1100 Break (Open to Public)

1100-1200 Executive Session (Closed to Public)

Current details on the board of visitors may be found at <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/Superintendent/bov.php>

The executive session of the meeting from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on September 27, 2021, will consist of discussions of new and pending administrative or minor disciplinary infractions and non-judicial punishments involving midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to, individual honor or conduct violations within the Brigade, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. For this reason, the executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public, as the discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy, in consultation with the Department of the Navy General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because the discussions during the executive session from 11 a.m. to noon (12 p.m.) will be concerned with matters protected under sections 552b(c) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code. Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.140, this meeting is open to the public. Any public attendance at the meeting will be governed by prevailing health directives at the United States Naval Academy.

Please contact the Executive Secretary five days prior the meeting to coordinate access to the meeting.

Written Statements: Per Section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration at any time, but should be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least 5 days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be submitted via mail to 121 Blake Rd, Annapolis MD 21402.

Please note that since the Board operates under the provisions of the FACA, as amended, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the board website. In the event that prevailing medical directives require a virtual meeting, the meeting will be virtually broadcasted live from the United States Naval Academy. The broadcast will be close captioned for the duration of the public portion of the meeting. The link to view the meeting will be posted at <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/Supintendent/bov.php> forty-eight hours prior to the meeting. A virtual event will preclude accommodation of the public to attend the meeting in person.

**Dated:** 20 September, 2021.

**J. M. Pike,**

*Commander,*

*Judge Advocate General's Corps,*

*U. S. Navy,*

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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